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1. IN SPEECH TO AMERICAN LEGION IN MIAMI, SECSTATE MADE
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STRONG APPEAL FOR CONTINUED ECON ASSISTANCE TO SVN TUES.,
RECALLED "HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS" SPENT ON POST-WWII
RECONSTRUCTION IN EUROPE AND "BILLIONS" USED TO HELP
REBUILD SK. SAID THAT SOME HESITATE TO GIVE SVN -

FOR WHOM WAR HAS NOT ENDED - HELP NEEDED TO MAINTAIN ITSELF; WE WOULD BREAK FAITH WITH AMERICANS WHO DIED THERE IF WE FAIL TO MAKE "RELATIVELY MODEST EFFORT" THAT ADMIN PROPOSES TO ENABLE SVN TO SURVIVE (SUN'S MILLS). HAK EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS WITH CONGRESSIONAL CUTS IN MIL AND ECON AID FOR SVN, SAID WE MUST STRENGTHEN ABILITY OF INDOCHINA PEOPLES TO DETERMINE OWN DESTINY (NYT'S GWERTZMAN). SPEECH UNDERSCORED ADMIN'S DETERMINATION TO GIVE HELP SVN "SO DESPERATELY NEEDS" TO MAINTAIN INDEPENDENCE, PLEDGED EFFORTS WILL CONTINUE TO OBTAIN ACCOUNTING OF MIAS. HAK ALSO REITERATED PRESIDENT'S DESIRE TO SUSTAIN NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA (WP'S MARDER).

2. MIL SOURCES SAY RADIO CONTACT LOST WITH GVN MILITIAMEN HOLDING MANG BUK, 305 MILES NE OF SAIGON, INDICATING

TOWN HAS FALLEN. MOST OF CIVILIAN POPULATION HAD BEEN EVACUATED (CSM). NONE OF TOWNS LOST SAID TO BE VITAL BUT THEIR CAPTURE ENABLES COMMUNISTS TO CONSOLIDATE HOLD AND INCREASE PRESSURE ON GVN LINES (REUTER NYT, WP). COMMUNIST DECISION TO GRAB VULNERABLE TOWNS IS MAJOR CHANGE FROM WAY WAR FOUGHT SINCE C-F. VC SPOKESMEN DESCRIBE THRUSTS AS PUNISHMENT FOR C-F VIOLATIONS BY SAIGON (REUTER, WP).

3. GVN MIL OFFICIALS STATE THEIR FORCES SUFFERED ABOUT 5000 CASUALTIES IN PAST MONTH OF HEAVY FIGHTING SOUTH OF DA NANG: 1000 KIA, 3000 WIA AND 1000 MIA; ADD THAT 2500 NVA AND VC KILLED (CHITRIB; S-N 8/20).

4. SHIPLER (NYT) REPORTS FROM DA NANG THAT RECENT HEAVY FIGHTING HAS CREATED ESTIMATED 70,000 NEW REFUGEES IN NORTHERN PROVINCES OF SVN. GVN EARLIER SUCCEEDED IN EMPTYING MOST OF REFUGEE CAMPS AND MOVING INMATES BACK TO VILLAGES OR ONTO FARMLAND. SAYS THAT GVN TROOPS HAD SOMETIMES UNCLASSIFIED

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SWEPT THROUGH CONTESTED AREAS OR VC VILLAGES TO CONSOLIDATE CONTROL OVER FERTILE LAND FOR RESETTLEMENT. QUOTES FOREIGN DIPLOMAT WHO THINKS ONE REASON FOR RECENT COMMUNIST ATTACKS IS TO REGAIN LAND THEY BELIEVE WAS RIGHTFULLY THEIRS AT C-F TIME, THAT COMMUNISTS LOST MUCH GROUND IN AREA TO ARVN LAST SPRING, ARE STRONG IN HILLS BUT NOT IN LOWLANDS; THEY THEREFORE PUSH FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF C-F WHICH GIVES THEM FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT IN SUPPLY CORRIDORS. REFUGEE CHIEF OF VILLAGE COUNCIL HAS ANOTHER VIEW. SAYS GENERAL ELECTION IS MAIN THING IN C-F AND COMMUNISTS CANNOT ACCEPT ONE BECAUSE HAVE "NO PEOPLE" AND SO NO VOTES; AND

ATTACKS ARE TO GET PEOPLE, NOT LAND. CHIEF ALSO POINTS OUT THAT RICE IN ABANDONED HOME VILLAGE WILL SOON BE READY FOR HARVEST. IF GVN DOESN'T DO SOMETHING QUICKLY, COMMUNISTS WILL GET IT AND "WE WILL ALL DIE HERE OF STARVATION." SHIPLER OPINES THAT ARVN TOO BUSY NOW TRYING TO HOLD NVA TO BE ABLE TO RETAKE VILLAGES. DESCRIBES RISKY REFUGEE "STRATEGY" OF GOING TO FIELDS BY DAY AND RETURNING TO SECURE AREAS AT NIGHT; OTHERS GATHER FIREWOOD IN HILLS WHERE MISCALCULATION COULD BE FATAL. SOME REFUGEES ANNOYED BY GVN FOR OVER-CAUTION AND FLEEING BEFORE FIGHTING REACHED VILLAGES. QUOTES ONE THAT PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO LIVE WITH COMMUNISTS SO FLED TO GVN SIDE, BUT IF GOVT DOESN'T LOOK INTO SITUATION AND HELP THEM, "WHERE DO THEY GO?"

5. GKR COMMAND REPORTS THAT INSURGENTS SHELL SIEM REAP NEAR ANGKOR AND KILL SIX CHILDREN (REUTER, NYT).

KOREA

REUTER SEOUL REPORTS SK RIOT POLICE WEDNESDAY EVENTED FORMER RESISTANCE FIGHTERS FROM MARCHING ON JAPANESE EMBASSY TO PROTEST WHAT THEY CLAIMED WAS JAPANESE INVOLVEMENT IN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON PARK. ABOUT 50 MEN WHO HAD FOUGHT AGAINST PRE-1945 JAPANESE COLONIAL RULE HELD RALLY NEAR EMBASSY DEMANDING JAPAN TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACTION THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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RESULTED IN MRS. PARK'S DEATH. DEMONSTRATION FOLLOWED KIM JONG PIL'S ASSERTION ON TV TUESDAY NIGHT THAT JAPAN COULD NOT CAPE LEGAL OR MORAL RESPONSIBILITY.

7. RESIGNATION OFFERS BY 39 PARK AIDES AND HIS ACCEPTANCE OF TWO WIDELY REPORTED (AP PHINQ, CSM, BALTO N-A 8/20; UPI, NYDN). WP SEOUL DISPATCH SAYS OBSERVERS CONSIDERED REMOVAL OF HOME MINISTER AND CHIEF PRESIDENTIAL BODYGUARD INEVITABLE, SINCE THEY WERE PRINCIPALLY IN CHARGE OF PROTECTING FIRST FAMILY. CHITRIB SEOUL ADDS THAT EVEN HAD PARK ACCEPTED ALL RESIGNATIONS, MASS TURNOVER WOULD PROBABLY NOT HAVE AFFECTED GOVT POLICY SINCE PRES EXERCISES DICTATORIAL POWERS.

8. NYT'S HALLORAN, IN SEOUL, CONTENTS MRS. PARK'S DEATH "REQUIRED AN OVERWHELMING DISPLAY OF REGRET," AND IT WAS SURPRISING THAT MORE RESIGNATIONS WERE NOT ACCEPTED. FEELS PARK'S TACTICS APPEARED CALCULATED TO SHOW ROKG IS STABLE AND WILL CONTINUE ON COURSE; HE ALSO DEMONSTRATED TO POLITICIANS AND PUBLIC THAT HE COULD MAKE OR BREAK ANY MINISTER OR GOVT AT

WILL, AND BY REJECTING RESIGNATIONS PARK SEEMED
REAFFIRMING HIS UNQUESTIONED CONTROL.

9. HALLORAN MAINTAINS CHIEF PRESIDENTIAL BODYGUARD'S
RESIGNATION WAS "THE CRITICAL MOVE," PAK HAVING
BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH PARK SINCE 1950S, HAVING BEEN
TRUSTED FOR TOTAL LOYALTY AND DISCRETION AND FOR
DAILY ASSOCIATION AS CONVERSATIONAL, GOLFING AND
DRINKING COMPANION TO PRES. ADDS THAT PAK REACTED
"MOST QUICKLY AND COURAGEOUSLY" TO SHIELD PARK
DURING ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION, AND WITH HIS DEPARTURE
AND DEATH OF MRS. PARK, PRES APPEARS TO HAVE BECOME
EVEN MORE ISOLATED, WITH NO STRONG ADVISERS LEFT.

JAPAN

9. JOC'S CULLISON REPORTS GOJ CONSIDERING RETALIATORY
RESTRICTIONS AGAINST CATHAY PACIFIC AIRLINES'
JAPANESE OPERATIONS IN RESPONSE TO BRITISH CURTAIL-
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MENT OF JAL FLIGHTS TO HK.

10. BOSTON H-A'S KILLAM REPORTS ON KITSUHIRO FUJIWARA
ARTICLE IN US-JAPAN COUNCIL PUBLICATION WHICH PAINTS
BLEAK PICTURE OF TOKYO WORKERS' LIVING CONDITIONS.
(8/17).

AUSTRALIA

11. AP SYDNEY REPORTS RECENT UNION ACTIONS, INCLUDING
ROLE IN SINATRA AND ERMOLENKO AFFAIRS, SHOW AUSTRALIA'S
UNIONS TO BE AMONG WORLD'S MOST MILITANT. WILDCAT
STRIKES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF COUNTRY HAVE LED TO
FUEL, BREAD, MILK, AND BEER SHORTAGES. PUBLIC
TRANSPORT AND MAIL DELIVERIES CUT IN SEVERAL STATES.
IN ADDITION, JOB ABSENTEEISM RUNS ABOUT TEN PERCENT
OF WHICH MORE THAN HALF DUE TO HANGOVERS. INDUSTRIALISTS
CLAIM THIS, STRIKES, AND SKYROCKETING WAGE DEMANDS
CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS IN ECONOMY'S 16 PERCENT INFLATION
AND THREAT OF MASS UNEMPLOYMENT (CHITRIB).

12. LAT'S LAMB REPORTS ROYAL COMMISSION INVESTIGATING
ORGANIZED CRIME RECOMMENDS THAT US SLOT MACHINE CO,
BALLY MANUFACTURING, BE BARRED FROM OPERATING IN
AUSTRALIA. 147-PAGE REPORT CLAIMS BALLY COULD
BECOME "VEHICLE IN WHICH ORGANIZED CRIME WILL
INFILTRATE OR FURTHER INFILTRATE" AUSTRALIA'S
SOCIAL CLUBS. REPORT SEEMS CERTAIN BRING CHANGES TO
SOCIAL CLUB SYSTEM, FINANCED PRIMARILY THROUGH SLOT
MACHINES, AND ITS 1.6 MILLION DUES. PAYING MEMBERS
WHO ENJOY RESTAURANTS, NIGHT CLUBS, AND BAR

FACILITIES AT SUBSIDIZED PRICES (PHINQ).

NEW ZEALAND

13. REUTER WELLINGTON REPORTS GONZ HAS ORDERED MAJOR CUT-BACKS IN PUBLIC SPENDING TO COMBAT B/P PROBLEMS. GOVT PAY CEILINGS FROZEN AND DEPTS ORDERED TO CUT OPERATIONAL AND TRAVEL COSTS FIVE PERCENT. KIRK SAYS ALL NZERS WILL HAVE TO WORK HARDER (CSM).

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PHILIPPINES

14. MARCOS SAYS MOSLEM REBELLION IN MINDANAO MUST BE

WIPED OUT BEFORE MARTIAL LAW LIFTED AND PARLIAMENTARY GOVT RESTORED. THOUGH HE SAYS GOVT NOW CONTROLS ALL TOWNS IN INSURGENT AREA, ADDS THAT "THE REBELS HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO AMBUSH, HARASS, AND SABOTAGE" (WP). MARCOS ALSO ANNOUNCED DRAWING UP OF SECRET PRESIDENTIAL DECREE TO CREATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO RUN COUNTRY IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO HIM. KEPT SECRET, HE SAYS, TO PREVENT LEADERSHIP RIVALRY (CHITRIB).

15. PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES EXPAND RELIEF OPERATION AS NUMBER OF REFUGEES FROM FLOOD-DEVASTATED CENTRAL LUZON NEARS MILLION (UPI, NYT).

GENERAL

16. ODC'S LESTER BROWN, SPEAKING TO NON-GOVT POPULATION EXPERTS AT WORLD POPULATION TRIBUNE MEETING ALONG WITH UN CONFERENCE IN BUCHAREST, SAYS ONLY SINGAPORE AND CHINA HAVE CONCRETE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES TO REDUCE FERTILITY. BACKING INDIAN DELEGATE'S VIEW THAT DEVELOPMENT AND ITS CONSEQUENCES "THE BEST CONTRACEPTIVE," FILIPINO RAFAEL SALAS, HEAD OF UN FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES, URGED WORLD GOVTS TO WORK FOR EFFICIENCY FOR ALL" (SUN).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

KOREA

17. LAT'S JAMESON (AUG 18) IN SEOUL WRITES ARTICLE ON ASIAN REACTION TO RECENT SK DEVELOPMENTS. REPORTS THAT THAI STUDENTS HAVE THREATENED TO DEMONSTRATE AGAINST PLANNED VISIT BY PM KIM JONG PIL, BUT OBSERVES THAT MOST ASIAN NATIONS APPEARED UNCONCERNED; PHILS AND INDIA, FOR EXAMPLE, DISPATCHED THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS ON GOODWILL VISITS TO SEOUL.

JAPAN - MOST DIRECTLY AFFECTED OF ALL AND ONE WITH
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MOST PROFOUND INTERESTS IN SK - ALSO REMAINED ALOOF
(AT LEAST ON GOVT LEVEL) ABOUT POLITICAL REPRESSION
IN SK. LIKE OTHER NATIONS, JAPAN WAS WATCHING TO
SEE WHAT WASHINGTON WOULD DO. BUT INsofar AS
POLITICAL REPRESSION IN SK WAS CONCERNED, JAPANESE
IN SEOUL AND TOKYO MADE CLEAR THAT GOJ WANTED TO
KEEP ITS MOUTH SHUT AND KEEP ON GIVING KOREA AID.
JAPANESE OFFICIAL DISPLEASURE - WHICH HAS GONE FAR
BEYOND ANYTHING EXPRESSED BY USG - WAS DIRECTED AT
WHAT JAPANESE PUBLIC REGARDED AS KOREAN SLAPS IN
THEIR FACE (I.E., KOREAN HANDLING OF KIM DAE JUNG
CASE), AND NOT CAUSED BY OBJECTIONS TO REPRESSION.

GOJ FM KIMURA HAS THREE TIMES TERMED ROKG ACTIONS
IN KIM DAE JUNG CASE "REGRETTABLE," BUT NONE OF
"REGRETTABLES" REFERRED DIRECTLY TO POLITICAL
OPPRESSION IN KOREA. IF GOJ AND BULK OF ITS RULING
PARTY WERE PREPARED TO REMAIN SILENT ON POLITICAL
OPPRESSION, JAPANESE PRESS, MANY INTELLECTUALS,
OPPOSITION PARTY POLITICIANS, AND HANDFUL CONSERVATIVE
PARLIAMENTARIANS WERE NOT. CITES THIRD-NATION
DIPLOMAT AS SAYING, "WHETHER IT SHOULD OR NOT, EACH
BLAST FROM THE JAPANESE PRESS IS FELT BY THE KOREAN
GOVERNMENT AND WORKS ITS WAY INTO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS."

EVEN WITH A TOLERANCE BORN OF HISTORIC GUILT FEELINGS
TOWARD KOREA, GOJ LEADERS CONTINUE TO FACE ROCKY
PATH IN RELATIONS WITH SEOUL IN THE FUTURE. LAST
YEAR JAPAN POSTPONED ITS 1974 AID APPROVALS FOR
FOUR MONTHS UNTIL KOREA OFFERED APOLOGY, NOT FOR
KIM DAE JUNG KIDNAPPING, BUT FOR "UNEXPECTED CHAOS"
IT CAUSED; CITES JAPANESE OFFICIALS THAT SOLUTION
OF KIM CASE AND RELEASE OF TWO JAPANESE IN JAIL
WOULD ENABLE AID TO START FLOWING AGAIN "REGARDLESS
OF WHAT POLITICAL SYSTEM PRESIDENT PARK OPERATES
AT HOME." THUS, NEW JAPANESE AID PROJECTS FOR 1975
AGAIN FACE DELAY.

DIPLOMATS EXPRESS NO DISPLEASURE IN SEEING US
CONTINUE MIL AND ECON AID TO SK. ONE OFFICIAL
SAYS: "IT WOULD NOT BE TO OUR BENEFIT TO HAVE
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US CUT OR STOP AID TO KOREA AND THROW THE KOREAN
ECONOMY INTO CHAOS. THE PROBLEM IS WHAT KIND OF
KOREA DO YOU WANT. YOU CAN'T HAVE DEMOCRACY WITH
ECONOMIC CHAOS."

WERE US TO DECIDE ON CUTTING AID, JAPAN WOULD WANT TO BE CONSULTED. JAPAN WOULD NOT, IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, AGREE TO JOINING US IN ATTACK ON POLITICAL REPRESSION IN SK, SAY DIPLOMATS IN SEOUL AND TOKYO. JAPANESE ALSO SEE NO MEANS TO BRING USEFUL DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE ON PARK THROUGH UN OR BY OPENING CONTACTS WITH NK. STRIPPING US FORCES IN KOREA OF UN MANTLE, ONE DIPLOMAT POINTS OUT, WOULD HURT PARK - BUT WOULD ALSO THREATEN SECURITY IN KOREAN PENINSULA. AS FAR AS JAPAN IS CONCERNED, CUT IN US AID APPEARED LIKELY TO WIN RESPECT FROM JAPANESE PUBLIC, PRESS, AND SOME INTELLECTUAL QUARTERS BUT DISGRUNTLEMENT FROM GOJ. FOR THE REST OF ASIA, AID CONTINUATION POSED LITTLE THREAT OF ALIENATING AMERICAN FRIENDS.

AUSTRALIA

18. WP FEATURES LAT SYDNEY REPORT ABOUT ECON AND POLITICAL MALAISE IN AUSTRALIA. COUNTRY PLAGUED BY INFLATION, RESULTING IN ATMOSPHERE OF WARTIME AUSTERITY THAT FOLLOWED RECORD WAGE INCREASES. SERVICES CUT, GOODS IN SHORT SUPPLY, UNEMPLOYMENT GROWING. WHITLAM'S LEADERSHIP IS BEING CHALLENGED EVEN IN ALP AND MANY OBSERVERS BELIEVE LAST THREE TROUBLED MONTHS SIGNAL MAJOR CRISIS AHEAD. THERE IS TALK OF ANOTHER GENERAL ELECTION WITHIN NINE MONTHS. MILITANT LABOR THREATENING TO CLOSE DOWN AUSTRALIA TO ACHIEVE NEW WAGE DEMANDS. AND HAMSTRUNG BY HOSTILE SENATE AND LEFTIST CABINET, WHITLAM HAS TWICE THREATENED TO RESIGN AS HIS AMBITIOUS SOCIAL REFORM PROGRAMS REMAIN CAMPAIGN PROMISES ON DRAWING BOARD. PERVASIVE QUESTION ARISES AS TO WHETHER AUSTRALIA CAN CONTINUE ON PRESENT COURSE WITH UNIONS PUSHING TOWARD SOCIALIST SOCIETY - EVEN AT COST OF DESTROYING THE SYSTEM - AND WITH GOVT SO BESET BY SPLINTERED INTERESTS THAT IT CANNOT GOVERN. MANY INSIDERS, INCLUDING WHITLAM, UNCLASSIFIED

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PRIVATELY ADMIT THAT IT CANNOT.

19. LAT'S LAMB (AUG. 18) IN SYDNEY CITES AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL AUTHORITIES ATTRIBUTING DECAYING STATE OF AUSSIE HEALTH TO AFFLUENCE, INCREASED LEISURE TIME AND COMFORTABLE, PREDICTABLE ROUTINE. QUOTES IAN MACKAY, HEAD OF CLINICAL RESEARCH AT ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL, THAT FOR AVERAGE AUSTRALIAN, ANALGESIC DRUG USAGE IS NORMAL PART OF LIFE. ALSO CITES MACKAY'S RECENT REPORT THAT THERE ARE ESTIMATED 300,000 ALCOHOLICS AMONG AUSTRALIA'S 13 MILLION POPULATION WHO OCCUPY BETWEEN 10 TO 14 PERCENT OF ALL BEDS IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS. SUICIDE RATE - 12.4 PER 100,000 - IS HIGHEST IN ENGLISH-

SPEAKING WORLD EXCEPT FOR S. AFRICA, AND OVER HALF ARE RELATED TO DRUG ABUSE. AUSTRALIA HAS ONE OF HIGHEST DEATH RATES FROM HEART DISEASE IN WORLD AND LIFE OF AUSTRALIAN MALE HAS DECREASED OVER PAST DECADE. DESPITE MYTH AND OPEN SPACES, AUSTRALIA IS WORLD'S MOST URBANIZED NATION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY CONSISTS MOSTLY OF PUB-SITTING. MAJORITY OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS DO NOT CONDUCT PHYSICAL TRAINING CLASSES AND ONLY ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF HIGH SCHOOLS HAVE GYMS. FROM CRADLE TO GRAVE, AUSTRALIANS ARE UNDERACTIVE AND OVERFED.

KOREA ADD

20. LAT (AUG. 18) FEATURES ARTICLE BY REISCHAUER

WHICH REITERATES HIS WELL-KNOWN POSITION ON REDUCING US AID TO SK AS MEANS TO AVOID ANOTHER VN, PARTICULARLY IF MILITARY CRISIS SHOULD OCCUR THERE. LAT ALSO SEPARATELY FEATURES EXCERPTS FROM HUMMEL'S 7/30 TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEES.

CHINA

21. LAT'S ELEGANT (AUG. 20) IN HK WRITES ABOUT SPREAD OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AMONG CHINESE YOUTH, MANY OF WHOM ARE SECRETLY ORGANIZING FOR DISRUPTIVE ACTION. CITES REPORTS OF DOZENS OF CHINESE VISITORS UNCLASSIFIED

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TO CHINA THAT THE PRC HAS BRED GENERATION CALLED "DISCARDS OF SOCIETY" THAT IS DISPLACED WITHIN ITS OWN COUNTRY.

SINGLE GREATEST INFLUENCE THAT SHAPED UNDEREDUCATED, IRREPRESSIBLE NEW GENERATION WAS GPCR. HOWEVER, THE UNOFFICIAL REBELS ARE QUITE DIFFERENT FROM ADOLESCENT RED GUARDS WHO OPERATED UNDER ORDERS OF CCP LTRA-LEFT FACTION" TO "OVERTHROW ALL THE OLD WAYS IN ORDER TO BUILD A PERFECT NEW SOCIETY."

THE NEW GROUP IS EVEN MORE NUMEROUS THAN WERE RED GUARDS, WHO TOTALED 20 MILLION AT HEIGHT OF GPCR. DISILLUSIONED BY BLASTED HOPES OF GPCR, IT BELIEVES IN ALMOST NOTHING EXCEPT IMMEDIATE PERSONAL ADVANTAGE. BADLY EDUCATED BECAUSE OF SUSPENSION OF SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR FOUR YEARS, THEY HAVE FEW SOCIALLY USEFUL SKILLS. MOST AGED BETWEEN 20 AND 30, THEY NUMBER AT LEAST 50 MILLION; ABOUT 40 MILLION OF THEM WERE INVOLUNTARILY REMOVED FROM CITIES AND "SENT DOWN TO THE COUNTRYSIDE TO BECOME THE FIRST GENERATION

OF EDUCATED PEASANTS" BEFORE THE GPCR. SINCE 9TH PARTY CONGRESS OF APRIL 1969, ANOTHER 10 MILLION HAVE BEEN "SENT DOWN."

FIFTY MILLION FIGURE - A CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE - DOES NOT INCLUDE AT LEAST AN EQUAL NUMBER OF DISAFFECTED RURAL YOUTHS. BY SAME ESTIMATE, ABOUT 5 PERCENT OF THOSE "SENT DOWN," THAT IS 2.5 TO 3 MILLION, CONSTITUTE GRAVEST PROBLEM FOR AUTHORITIES BECAUSE OF THEIR DEFIANCE OF LEGAL AUTHORITY AND SOCIAL RULES. MAJORITY OF REMAINDER ARE SECRETLY "UNITING" AS THEY WERE TAUGHT TO DO DURING GPCR. BIDDING THEIR TIME, THEY FORESEE WIDESPREAD DISORDER WHEN MAO PASSES FROM SCENE; THEY BELIEVE THEY CAN EXERT THEIR ORGANIZED STRENGTH AGAINST AN ADMIN IN DISARRAY. THOSE WHO

CAN DO SO LEAVE CHINA. NUMBER OF ILLEGAL REFUGEES REACHING HK INCREASING EACH YEAR, DESPITE RELATIVELY GOOD ECONOMIC SITUATION.

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22. GEO. KENNAN TELLS SFRC THAT NOW, AS IN OTHER ERAS OF HISTORY, US FOREIGN POLICY IN ASIA IS "SERIOUSLY DISBALANCED" BY "OUR TRADITIONAL PREDILECTION FOR THE CHINESE," EVEN THOUGH "WHATEVER ELSE MAY BE SAID OF COMMUNIST CHINA, SHE IS NOT A SUITABLE ALLY OR ASSOCIATE OF THIS COUNTRY IN WORLD AFFAIRS." KENNAN SAYS REASONS FOR THIS INCONGRUITY LIE IN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CHINESE AND AMERICAN CHARACTERS, PRC LEADERS' IDEOLOGICAL COMMITMENT, NATURE OF PEKING'S MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT AND DIFFERING CHARACTERS OF BOTH NATIONS' INTERESTS AND COMMITMENTS (AP, SUN).

THAILAND

23. LAT'S MCARTHUR IN BANGKOK CONCLUDES "THERE IS NO COUNTRY IN ASIA MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN THAILAND IN SWEEPING PROBLEMS UNDER THE RUG"; ADDS REMARK OF SOME "WAGGISH DIPLOMATS" THAT POLITICAL UNREST SO EVIDENT IN COUNTRY TODAY IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO GROWING NATIONAL REALIZATION IT IS RUNNING OUT OF SPACE UNDER RUG. CITES DISILLUSIONMENT WITH STUDENTS GROWING OUT OF LONG SERIES OF WIDESPREAD AND UNRULY INCIDENTS. SAYS PART OF PROBLEM IS THAT TEN MONTHS OF CARETAKER CABINET GOVT HAS PRODUCED LITTLE, WHILE AN OFTEN HYPERACTIVE AND UNRESTRAINED PRESS HAS FOCUSED ON REAL AND IMAGINED NATIONAL PROBLEMS AS NEVER BEFORE.

SANYA'S CHIEF PROBLEM NOW IS WHEN TO SCHEDULE ELECTIONS, AND ONE REASON FOR SLOWNESS IN SETTING DATE REPORTEDLY IS APPREHENSION ABOUT OUTCOME AND HOW STILL-POTENT MILITARY HIERARCHY WOULD REACT. THAI ARMY AND POLICE

HAVE RETAINED GREAT INFLUENCE AND DE-FACTO ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OVER MUCH OF COUNTRY. ONE REASON GENERALS HAVE KEPT LOW PROFILE IS THEIR UNWILLINGNESS TO BEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROBLEMS FACING COUNTRY.

MCARTHUR SAYS EXTERNAL THREATS PERSIST (BURMA HAS VIRTUALLY CEASED EFFORTS TO CONTROL REBELS AND BANDITS ON BORDER REGIONS; BORDER WITH LAOS IS POROUS AND GOVT THERE COULD QUICKLY BECOME COMMUNIST; CAMBODIA UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS CIVIL WAR AND LARGE AREAS OF NE THAILAND ARE UNDER CONTROL OF LOCAL INSURGENCY), AND WHILE THEY PERSIST, THERE IS NO GREAT DESIRE ON PART OF NOMINALLY RULING THAI ELITE TO SEE US DEPART -- POLITICIANS MAY MAKE NOISES TO CONTRARY, BUT FEW REALLY MEAN IT.

PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR US FORCE REDUCTION TO 27,000 MEN AND SOME 400 PLANES BY YEAR'S END; "BY ANY STANDARDS, THIS REMAINS A POTENT AIR FORCE." BUT NOBODY CAN FORETELL PRECISELY WHAT FREELY.ELECTED NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WOULD SAY ABOUT SUCH US PULLOUT. JUDGING BY COUNTRY'S PRESENT MOOD, THERE APPEARS LITTLE DOUBT THAT ELECTIONS WILL BE REASONABLY HONEST AND THAT ASSEMBLY WILL FAVOR COUNTRY'S HABITUALLY SLOW PACE; HOWEVER, CONTINUED UNCERTAINTY IS LIKELY TO MAKE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS WORSE (AUG. 18). KISSINGER

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